

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION TO PROBE IN TO DRUG ABUSE SCANDAL

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has announced the appointment of a commission to probe in to drug abuse scandal amongst Athletes;
- (b) if so, the time by which the commission is likely to submit its report;
- (c) whether most of the Indian Athletes are involved in drug abuse and dignity of the country have been lowered in the world; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps the Government propose to take in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. According to the information provided by IOA, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed one man Medical Commission under Dr. Manmohan Singh, Member, Medical Commission, Olympic Council of Asia to look into the matter. The Commission was asked to submit its findings by 31st July, 2001.

(c) According to the information provided by IOA, except one weightlifter in 1990 Commonwealth Games, none of the Indian sports persons tested positive in any Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

(d) The Hon`ble High Court of Delhi has ordered the constitution of a Committee consisting of the representatives of the Central Govt., the Indian Olympic Association and Sports Authority of India to meet and work out the modalities for preventing the use of drugs in sports.